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REMARKS

Claims 1-52 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 11, 15-19, 21, 25-27 and 52 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 12-14, 20, 22-24 and 28-30 have been amended. No new claims have been added. As a result claims 1-20, 12-14, 20, 22-24 and 28-51 are pending for examination with claims 1, 12-14, 20, 22-24, 28-31 and 41 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

By this Amendment, the Applicant has cancelled all non-allowed claims, leaving only claims allowed in their original form and claims that were objected to only for their dependence from non-allowed claims that have been rewritten in independent form.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration is respectfully requested. This application should now be in condition for allowance; a notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50/2762.

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